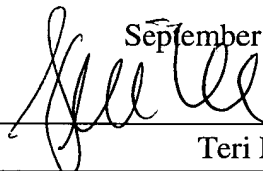


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Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above captioned patent application, please amend the claims as shown in the section entitled "Amendments to the Claims" which begins on page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including extension fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-0630.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this Preliminary Amendment.